PRESIDENT. The question is that Clause 2 as amended do form part of the Bill.

The motion was carried and the Clause was added to the Bill.

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Sir, I move that the Bill as amended be read again on a future sitting of the Council of which notice shall be given, and in moving so, I take this opportunity of thanking you for all the interest that you have taken and all the other members of the House for the patience they have evinced and the interest shown in the deliberations because it has been a very difficult piece of legislation and has taken a long time for discussion and entailed a lot of work on the Council. On behalf of myself and other members of my community, I beg to thank you and all the members of this Council for all the trouble and time taken to carry this measure through.

PRESIDENT: I am very thankful to you for the kind remarks you have made. I think it was my duty as President of this House to see that, in considering this important piece of legislation affecting a very important community in the country, we should steer clear of all difficulties, and that all sides of the House and the President should full co-operate in giving the measure a satisfactory shape. I trust that t measure is pretty free from defects and that it would conduce to good of the community for which it is intended.

RESOLUTIONS ON MATTERS OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST.

PRESIDENT: The next item in the agenda is the discussion of resolutions.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): May I know when the House is to disperse?

PRESIDENT. At 5 P. M.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): Will you please extend the time to-day so that we may have an opportunity of hearing Mr. Subba Aiyar on the resolution I am going to move?

PRESIDENT: I think I am voicing the opinion of the House when I say that the sitting has been a very exacting one and that all the members will be glad to go away. So far as I am personally concerned, I may have no objection. But I do not think that there is any use in sitting beyond the usual hour, seeing that the discussion of the resolution is not likely to be closed to-day as you yourself say.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Cannot the time be extended by an hour?

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): I do not know whether we shall be able to finish the discussion of such an important resolution in an hour.

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[Mr. N. Kumaran.]

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): In that case, what I suggest is that I may be allowed to formally move the resolution and the House may be adjourned for the discussion before my speech.

PRESIDENT: You may move the resolution and then you will make a speech, I presume. Why should you move the resolution now? This is not the end of the session and your resolution does not lapse.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): In that case, I would request permission for moving the resolution in the adjourned meeting.

PRESIDENT: You are entitled to it. It comes up as a matter of course at the adjourned meeting.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): Would any other item of business be taken up to-day?

PRESIDENT: I do not know if Government members are prepared for other resolutions. I think the Government members expect that only this resolution will come up to-day. So I would suggest that we rise now, if this resolution is not going to be moved.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): If the President agrees to it, I would apply for suspension of further business.

PRESIDENT: If the House wants it, I have no objection. I am only pointing out the difficulty, because the other Government members are not ready.

MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know why he does not wish to move the resolution?

PRESIDENT: Because he thinks the discussion will not be completed to-day; that is what I gather from him.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): I shall nevertheless move my resolution.

PRESIDENT: Yes, all right.

Throwing open of all roads to all classes of people.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): Sir, I beg to move the following resolution which stands against my name:—

"*This Council recommends to the Government that all roads round the Vaikam temple and all other roads similarly situated in Travancore be thrown open to all classes of His Highness the Maha Raja's subjects without distinction of caste or creed.*"

It is perhaps proper that I inform the House at the outset that, in moving this resolution, I have no intention to provoke in this House any discussion on religious questions properly so called. Nor is it my desire to excite any sectarian or caste feelings and prejudices of any kind whatsoever. My resolution raises one of the most vital issues that have come up for the consideration of this Council. I hope I would be justified therefore in expecting from the members on either side of the House

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